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Michael J. Schmitt
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Dear Mr. Schmitt,

We are opposed to the construction of the LG&E natural gas pipeline through Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest. The proposed pipeline threatens protected conservation land.

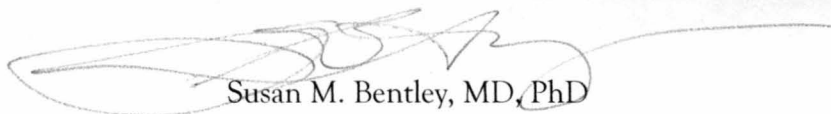
The route of the proposed pipeline cuts directly through an area that is home to federally endangered Indiana bats, northern long-eared bats, Kentucky glade cress, bluff vertigo snail, and the recently discovered hidden spring snail. This project will negatively impact cave systems, springs, streams, mature forests, knobs, and rock outcroppings on which these species depend.

As such, LG&E needs to conduct a thorough terrestrial and aquatic biological assessment along the chosen route. LG&E must obtain an individual permit with a full environmental assessment.

We stand with large forests, abundant wildlife, clean streams, clean air, wild places, kids in nature, vibrant rural communities, and Bernheim Forest. And, particularly in light of the overwhelming evidence that global warming is occurring and can possibly be minimized by appropriate actions like creating tracts of forest and using renewable energy, we believe this project is in no one's best interest.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



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